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Commercial Activities in Space Science
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to develop commercial activities to meet out the global needs in space science;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) No Madam. At present, Indian Space Research Organisation has no plans to develop commercial activities to meet out the global needs in space science, which includes astronomy, aeronomy, solar system studies, planetary exploration.
Antrix Corporation Limited (Antrix), the commercial arm of Department of Space manages the commercial activities of ISRO, which encompasses satellite launch services for foreign customers, leasing of transponders, marketing & distribution of Indian Remote Sensing data to foreign customers, marketing of spacecraft subsystems and mission support. However, Antrix does not deal with commercial activities in space science.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Globally, the space science related activities are generally planned and carried out under cooperative mode.

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